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## NEWS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIANS

### PROTECTION FOR LIBRARIES

STATE DOCUMENTS

The Library Responsibility Bill which was sponsored by the South Carolina Library Association was passed on April 9th and ratified April 16th. According to the terms of the Act, borrowers must be informed within fifteen days of the date on which the book or books become overdue and the notice mailed to the borrower must bear upon its face a copy of Section I of the new Act. The Act also makes it illegal and establishes a penalty for the malicious mutilation or destruction of books or other library materials. It further establishes a penalty for the purchase by any individual or business concern of books or materials known to have been stolen from a public library or art gallery.

Section III of the Act requires that a copy of the Act be displayed in two public places within each institution or library covered by the Act.

The State Library Board is having 500 copies of the new law printed and will distribute them to public libraries in the State. Each public library should inform the State Library Board immediately of the number of copies of the Act which they will need for display in the main library, branch libraries, and bookmobile.

### LIBRARY SERVICES ACT APPROPRIATION

The U. S. House of Representatives has voted an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for grants to the states under the Library Services Act for the fiscal year 1958-59. This is an increase of \$2,000,000 over the amount requested in the President's budget and is the same amount appropriated for the current fiscal year. Senate hearings were expected to begin shortly after the Easter recess. It is hoped that the Senate will support the full amount authorized by the Act, \$7,500,000.

### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Preliminary reports indicate that National Library Week was so widely celebrated in South Carolina that it would indeed be difficult to describe justly all of the activities of public libraries during that time. Newspaper articles and editorials, proclamations, endorsements, store window and library displays, and radio and television programs and spot announcements abounded, as did book reviews and other special programs for clubs and school assemblies. The Barnwell, Calhoun, Cherokee, Colleton, Newberry-Saluda, Pickens and Sumter libraries and the branches of the Aiken and Oconee county libraries all entertained



at open houses. The Richland County Public Library, the Pickens County Library and the Carnegie Public Library of Sumter had full-page spreads of newspaper pictures illustrating the various facets of the libraries' services. Another full-page spread of much interest focused attention on Horry County authors and their connection with the Horry County Memorial Library. No fines weeks or days were observed by the Aiken County Public Library, Anderson Public Library, Chapin Memorial Library of Myrtle Beach and Oconee County Library.

Other highlights of the week's activities, by county, were as follows:

Anderson: A local newspaper carried a feature story about a retired circus performer now living in Anderson County who had found a picture and write-up of himself in a new book on American circus history in the Anderson Public Library. He is Ernest C. Biggerstaff, once billed as one of the world's foremost "front bending" trapeze contortionists.

Editorials in the Anderson papers emphasized libraries as vital arsenals in the continuing fight for liberty.

Cherokee: A roving reporter for the Gaffney Ledger asked local citizens what five books they would take with them to a desert island. In another article three prominent persons, a retired minister, a textile executive, and a retired librarian, told what reading had meant in their lives.

At the open house, held every afternoon in the Cherokee County Public Library and two afternoons in the Blacksburg Library, books were awarded as door prizes.

Colleton: Prizes of silver dollars contributed by the banks were given to winning entries in a contest to discover the oldest Bible, dictionary, textbook, newspaper, magazine and book of any kind in Colleton County. The contest was sponsored by the Jaycees and the oldest books were displayed at the open house. At the latter event Miss Katherine Drayton Mayrant Simons, of Charleston, and three local authors, Miss Beulah Glover, Mrs. Morrell Gipson Binkley, and the Rev. B. L. Knight, were honor guests.

Florence: The Florence Public Library featured a display of winners from recent Hobby Shows held in the elementary schools.

Greenwood: The Greenwood City and County Public Library sponsored a Community Book Swap Day. Interested persons were invited to bring in copies of good books which they had finished reading to swap them, book for book, for others. The swap began with an original gift of a dozen or so books but at the end perhaps twice that number were left to be added to the library collection. Planned for one afternoon, the event proved so popular that it was extended to three days.



Horry: In the Horry County Memorial Library the works of living Horry County authors were displayed and newspaper publicity pointed up the services of the library to this special group.

Oconee: The Oconee County Library reports a gratifying response to its first county-wide program, a film forum on the meaning of good public library service.

Spartanburg: In Spartanburg the highlight of National Library Week was a series of noontime book reviews given by prominent citizens in the upstairs dining room of the W & W Cafeteria. The public was invited to attend and the first thirty-five people to arrive each day were admitted. The reviewers and books were as follows: Dr. W. C. Herbert, Jr., Century of the Surgeon; Dr. Rosamond Boyd, Natural Superiority of Women; John Willis, Where Did You Go? Out. What Did You Do? Nothing; Rev. Capers Satterlee, In the Wet; Mrs. Perrin Dargan, And the Price is Right; and Emmett Walsh, Baruch: My Own Story.

Other features of National Library Week in Spartanburg County were book fairs, hobby shows and open houses in school libraries, newspaper book reviews, articles on reading, editorials and handbills. The ministers and rabbis of the county joined in publicizing NLW and urged their congregations to read more. A special reading list for religious organizations was made available and another for PTA members. Other reading lists and contests were prepared for Home Demonstration Club programs.

NLW activities in this county began with a planning dinner in January attended by representatives of 200 organizations.

#### COMMITTEES - PUBLIC LIBRARY SECTION

The Public Library Section's Executive Committee met March 8, 1958 to discuss the plans for the year's work. The following committees were appointed:

Book Selection Committee, composed of librarians and trustees, to formulate a book selection policy for public libraries of this state:

Miss Emily Sanders, Chairman

Miss Lois Barbare

Mrs. Hagood Bostick

Mrs. Bettie W. Daly

Mr. George Linder

Mrs. Girdler B. Fitch

Mrs. Betty Hinton

General Hugh Minton

Admiral Ellis Reed-Hill



Union Catalog Committee, to study the establishment of a union catalog for the

state: Miss Elizabeth Fogarty, Chairman

Miss Kathleen Gilleland

Mrs. Joella Neel

Miss Elizabeth Porcher

Mrs. Frances Stuart

Workshop Committee, to plan a workshop for public librarians which will be held in Columbia on October 30, immediately preceding the annual SCLA meeting:

Miss Mary Berry, Chairman

Miss Carrie Gene Ashley

Mrs. Clara T. McCabe

Miss Margaret Mosimann

Miss Frances Reid

Mr. Charles Stow

Mrs. Marguerite Thompson

Nomination Committee:

Mrs. Elizabeth Green, Chairman

Mrs. Louise Brunson

Miss Mary Cox

Mrs. Fay B. McNab

Miss Lorena Miller

#### COLLETON LIBRARY LANDSCAPED

Landscaping work at the new Colleton County Memorial Library was started recently. Several weeks ago Miss Margaret Martin, Conservation Specialist of the Clemson Extension Service, met with a local committee and the assistant county agricultural agent. Plans drawn up at this meeting were approved by the library board and the county and home agents were asked to supervise the planting. Plants and fertilizer were donated locally and a road maintenance crew was assigned by the county supervisor to help with the work. The Home Demonstration Clubs of the county have given \$35 to the project which will be used to purchase plants and materials in addition to those already contributed.

#### HEAR YE!

Examine your gift books carefully! A Tryon, North Carolina, library recently found on its shelves a rare first edition of a book by Nathaniel Hawthorne which brought a reported \$2,600 at an auction sale in New York City. The book is Fanshawe, written while the author was a student at Bowdoin College. It was one of twenty copies which Hawthorne had published anonymously in Boston in 1828 at his own expense - expense amounting to approximately \$100. Later he withdrew it and recalled as many copies as he could. One bookman estimates that probably a dozen of the original twenty are still in existence. The library has no way of knowing how it got its copy, but it is believed to have been one of a large lot of books donated in 1950 from the estate of a deceased person.



## REGIONAL LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION

With the passage of the Edgefield County Library Law this week the way was cleared for Edgefield to join with Aiken and Barnwell counties in a demonstration of regional public library service. The Regional Library Demonstration will make possible superior library service for the people of these three counties.

Approximately half of the funds for the support of the regional library will come from local sources and the rest from state and federal funds administered by the State Library Board. In addition to funds, the State Library Board will provide a collection of books ready for circulation which will make service to the public possible at an early date.

The administration of the new regional library will be shared equally by the three counties. Representatives from the county library boards will make up the regional library board which will be responsible for setting policy and for the administration of the new library system.

The Regional Library Demonstration is a project developed as a part of the overall plan of the State Library Board for the extension and improvement of rural library service. Demonstration funds will be available for a two-year period and at the close of that time it is anticipated that local funds will be sufficient to carry on the regional library service in that area.

This project, which will be the first of the demonstrations of superior library service provided for in the S. C. Plan for the use of funds appropriated under the Library Services Act, will be watched with considerable interest by public librarians all over the state. The new organization is expected to offer solutions to many problems of library growth and expansion. It will also reduce to six the number of counties in South Carolina without county-wide public library service. More next month.

## INTERLIBRARY LOANS

Keeping track of interlibrary loans need not be bothersome or difficult. A simple card system will enable you to tell at a glance: (1) what books you have requested but have not yet received; (2) what books you presently have on loan from the State Library Board or other libraries; and (3) what books you have recently returned.

Try this:

1. Set up a small file for p-slips with three guide cards marked "Requested", "Here", and "Returned".
2. Make a copy of each interlibrary loan request on a p-slip and note source from which requested.



3. Indicate on this copy also the name, address, and telephone number of the borrower.

4. File it behind the "Requested" guide.

5. When the loan arrives, remove the slip from "Requested" file, note date of receipt and date due. If your loan request was by subject (rather than for a specific book) list on the back of the slip the authors and titles of the material received.

6. Then file the slip under "Here".

7. When you return the book, pull your slip from the "Here" file, mark on it the date returned, and file under "Returned".

#### PLEASE

1. In requesting interlibrary loans from the State Library Board, put each request on a separate card, even when you ask for two books by the same author.

2. Return loans on time.

3. Request renewals before the date due, and state the original date due in your request.

#### COLLETON PROGRAM PLANNING INSTITUTE

The Colleton County Memorial Library and the Tea and Topics Literary Club of Walterboro together sponsored a program planning institute held in the library on the night of April 15. Despite wind and rain some fifty people attended including seventeen from neighboring counties. Dr. Carl Bramlette, Coordinator of Educational Services of the S. C. Mental Health Commission, led the institute, discussing and illustrating successful program plans and techniques. A booklet of program materials compiled by the sponsoring organizations listed the excellent pamphlets and program suggestions to be found in the exhibits.

#### ANDERSON REFERENDUM

The act passed in the 1957 General Assembly calling for a referendum on the consolidation of libraries in Anderson County to form a strong county library system is being amended to establish the new library under a separate board. The act originally provided that it be governed by the county board of education.

#### SEEN HERE AND THERE

Miss Shirley Chastain, newly appointed Oconee County Library Intern, hard at work learning bookmobile service and other rudiments of public library service.

T. K. McDonald, Jr., former Greenville Intern, now in library school at Peabody.



Mrs. Vernon Brunson and all of the Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library staff down with the flu.

Mrs. Hagood Bostick and George Linder in the Capitol pursuing legislators in support of the Library Responsibility Bill.

The Oconee County Library making good use of the Studio Guild art exhibits.

Miss Josephine Crouch and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Moore of the Aiken County Public Library making plans to show the Aiken County bookmobile in Edgefield County, as a preview of rural library service soon to be started there.

Mrs. Georgie Adams making plans to increase the book capacity of the Berkeley County Library by the addition of steel book stacks.

A section of the Old Citadel on Marion Square in Charleston almost completely demolished to make room for the new Charleston County Free Library building.

The Manning Library receiving an appropriation to provide for longer library hours. The library will henceforward be open an additional day every week. The Manning Democratic Club has also made a handsome gift to the Manning Civic League to be used for the library.

Mrs. Dorothy J. Morrell, Librarian of the Marlboro County Public Library, in the hospital for surgery.

Miss Estellene P. Walker addressing the DAR's of Orangeburg on the history of libraries.

The Richland County Public Library showing a new Gerstenslager bookmobile with the largest book capacity of any in the state.

Miss Frances B. Reid at the Fort Sumter Hotel speaking to a group of high school library assistants on librarianship as a career.

Mr. Charles Stevenson attending the Adult Education Section of the S. C. Education Association.



DATES TO BE REMEMBERED

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| May 11 - 18       | Tewnty-Second Annual Children's Book Festival   |
| July 13 - 19      | American Library Association, Public Auditorium,<br>San Francisco, California                         |
| September 25 - 27 | Southern Public Library Workshop, Florida State<br>University, Tallahassee                            |
| October 23 - 25   | Southeastern Library Association, Kentucky Hotel and<br>Sheraton-Seelback Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky |
| October 30        | Workshop, Public Library Section SCLA, Mrs. Florence<br>Craig, Consultant and Guest Speaker           |
| Oct. 31 - Nov. 1  | South Carolina Library Association, Annual Meeting,<br>Columbia Hotel, Columbia                       |